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TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN TURKEY

REF: ANKARA 0643, STATE 001635

1. AS STATED TO EMBOFF IN LATEST SMITH-MANN TELECON,
DEPARTMENT STANDS BY CONTENTS OF REFTEL B). ALL OFFICERS
IN EUR/SE, L, SCA, SCA/SCS CONCERNE" WITH THIS CASE DENY
BEING SOURCE FOR STRAUB ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN LETTER
TO AMB QUOTED IN REFTEL A).

2. FOR :MBASSY'S INFO, STAFFER FOR SENATOR HATFIELD RE-

CENTLY TOLD L/SCA ATTORNEY THAT HATFIELD WELCOMES DEPART-
MENT AND AMBASSADOR'S INITIATIVES CONCERNING POSSIBLE
TREATY WITH TURKEY AND WAS CONSIDERING ASKING GOV. STRAUB
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TO JOIN HIM IN ENCOURAGING DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE THIS ROUTE.
STAFFER PROVIDED DEPARTMENT WITH COPY OF "OREGONIAN"
ARTICLE WHICH QUOTES FROM LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN AMBAS-
SADOR AND GOV. STRAUB, INCLUDING APPARENT DRAFT OF LETTER
QUOTED IN REFTEL A), AND IN WHICH STRAUB STAFFER MCDONALD
EXPRESSED, ON BEHALF GOV, EXASPERATION WITH "DIPLOMACY,
DIPLOMACY, DIPLOMACY." IN ARTICLE, MCDONALD STATES GOV.

IS NOT REPEAT NOT INCLINED TO WAIT OUT TREATY ROUTE BUT

PREFERS TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN "PRISONER SWAP" WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES VIA GOOD OFFICES OF AMBASSADOR (DEPARTMENT POUCHING COPY OF THIS ARTICLE TO EMBASSY). NO REPRESENTATIVE OF GOV. STRAUB HAS CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY TO CONVEY THESE SENTIMENTS. IN FACT, DEPARTMENT HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH STRAUB STAFF FOR SOME WEEKS.

3. IN VIEW CONTENTS OF STRAUB LETTER TO AMBASSADOR, SCA/SCS OFFICER, ROY DAVIS WILL NOW CALL STRAUB STAFFER MCDONALD TO CITE POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OF TREATY SCENARIO AND WILL GIVE ASSURANCES DEPARTMENT STANDS READY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON TRANSFER OF SANCTIONS TREATY WITH TURKEY SHOULD AMBASSADOR REPORT TURKISH RECEPTIVITY TO THIS COURSE.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL REPORT FURTHER ON DAVIS-MCDONALD TELECON. AT THAT TIME, AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO REPLY TO GOVERNOR STRAUB ALONG SAME LINES.
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